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SUBJECT: USS OKLAHOMA CITY VISIT TO JAKARTA

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1. I HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING WITH ATTACHES REQUEST FOR VISIT ADMIRAL HAYWARD AND OKLAHOMA CITY 12-14 APRIL. UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES I WOULD WARMLY WELCOME SUCH VISIT. I BELIEVE WE HAVE COMMON INTEREST IN PRESERVING ATMOSHPERE HERE FOR FULL COOPERATION WITH U.S. ARMED SERVICES AND, PARTICULARLY, U.S. NAVY. IN OUR JUDGMENT THIS REQUIRES RESTRAINT IN HOW OFTEN WE CALL UPON INDONESIAN HOSPITALITY AND FACILITIES. WHILE INDONESIAN NAVY IS MOST WILLING HAVE VISITS, WE DO NOT WANT TO RAISE NUMBER OF VISITS TO CONSPICIOUS LEVEL WHERE THIRD-WORLD ORIENTED PRESS OR OFFICIALS BEGIN QUESTION FREQUENCY. IN MY VIEW TWO VISITS OF LARGE SHIPS WITHIN TWO MONTHS WITH FLAGS ABORAD COULD AWAKEN MORE ATTENTION TO SUCH VISIT THAN IS DESIRABLE.

2. POLICY WE HAVE LAID DOWN IN SPACING OF SHIPS VISITS IS BASED ON OUR BEST ESTIMATE OF CAPACITY OF INDONESIANS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY TO FURNISH SATISFACTORY SUPPORT. WE HAVE JUST HAD VERY SUCCESSFUL VISIT OF USS JUNEAU WITH ADMIRAL WHITMIRE ABOARD.

3. VISITS DO, HOWEVER, IMPOSE CONSIDERABLE BURDEN ON MODEST RESOURCES OF INDONESIAN NAVY. ALREADY, THIS YEAR IN ADDITION TO USS JUNEAU, INDONESIAN NAVY IN JAKARTA HAS

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RECEIVED VISITS OF SHIPS FROM KOREA, FRANCE, AUSTRALIA

AND BANGLADESH. BETWEEN NOW AND MID-APRIL THERE WILL BE VISITS FROM THAILAND AND MALAYSIA.

4. AS YOU KNOW, PRINCIPAL NAVAL ESTABLISHMENT IN INODNESIA IS IN SURABAYA WHERE INDONESIAN FLEET ADMIRAL RESIDES. WHILE APPRECIATING THAT DRAFT PRESENTS PROBLEM, I HAVE BEEN HOPEFUL THAT AT SOME POINT COMMADER SEVENTH FLEET WOULD VISIT SURABAYA.

5. EARLY PART OF EASTER WEEK ALSO PRESENTS PROBLEMS IN ABSENCE BOTH OF INDONESIAN AND MEMBERS AMERICAN COMMUNITY ON WHOM WE FREQUENTLY DEPEND FOR SUPPORT. I MYSELF WILL BE ON SCHEDULED VISIT TO CONSULATE IN MEDAN.

6. I REGRET VERY MUCH THAT THE INDONESIAN NAVY COULD NOT ACCOMODATE YOUR VISIT IN JANUARY. I LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AND ADMIRAL HAYWARD TO JAKARTA IN THE FUTURE. PLEASE EXPRESS MY REGRETS TO ADMIRAL HAYWARD THAT I COULD NOT ACCOMMODATE THE VISIT OF THE USS OKLAHOMA CITY AND ADMIRAL HAYWARD AT THIS TIME.
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